Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The last Sunday of September was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1936 as Gold Star Mothers Day, and is to this day recognized throughout the nation; and,

Whereas, A Gold Star Mother is any mother who has lost her child in the military service of our country, and when a mother's child is killed while serving on active duty, it affects the entire family, friends, co-workers, classmates and communities; and,

Whereas, Each year the President is requested to issue a proclamation to call on United States government officials to display the nation's flag on all government buildings, to call on the people to display the flag and hold appropriate events to publicly express the love, sorrow, and reverence to those who are Gold Star Mothers and their families; and,

Whereas, America's Gold Star Mothers and their families continue to remember our sons and daughters who paid their ultimate sacrifice for all our freedoms as steadfast guardians of peace and liberty, not only here at home, but also around the world; and,

Whereas, Without the sacrifices which our military servicemen and women, and their families, so willingly make in protecting our cherished freedom, we would not be the great nation we are today; and,

Whereas, Gold Star Mothers Day affords each of us the opportunity to join with citizens across America remembering those selfless individuals who were willing to risk their lives for our well-being:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2011, as

GOLD STAR MOTHERS DAY

in South Dakota, and I encourage South Dakotans to become aware of the South Dakota Gold Star Mothers, and their efforts to continue to honor our sons and daughters who paid their ultimate sacrifice for all our freedoms.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State